**What do Safeguarding Children’s Partnerships do?**

The purpose of the Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children’s Partnership (RBSCP) is to establish and maintain effective multi-agency arrangements for children, young people and families as mandated under The Children and Social Work Act (2017) and further defined in the supplementary Statutory Guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018. This calls for effective systems being in place to protect children from abuse and to prevent impairment to their health and/or development.

In response, the RBSCP will engage in any activity that facilitates or is conducive to, the achievement of its objectives.

In all its activities the RBSCP will advocate that the duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of all Rochdale’s children and young people is 'everybody’s responsibility'.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined by Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 as:

* Protecting children from maltreatment
* Preventing impairment of Children health or development
* Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
* Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

The purpose of the RBSCP is to support and enable local organisations and agencies to work together in a system where:

* children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted;
* partner organisations and agencies collaborate, share and co-own the vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable children;
* organisations and agencies challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively;
* there is early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats;
* learning is promoted and embedded in a way that supports local services for children and families to become more reflective and implement changes to practice; and
* Information is shared effectively to facilitate more accurate and timely decision making for children and families.
* policies and procedures in practice are underpinned by research and evidence

In order to work together effectively, RBSCP with other local organisations and agencies are responsible for developing processes that:

* facilitate and drive action beyond usual institutional and agency constraints and boundaries; and
* Ensure the effective protection of children is founded on practitioners developing lasting and trusting relationships with children and their families.